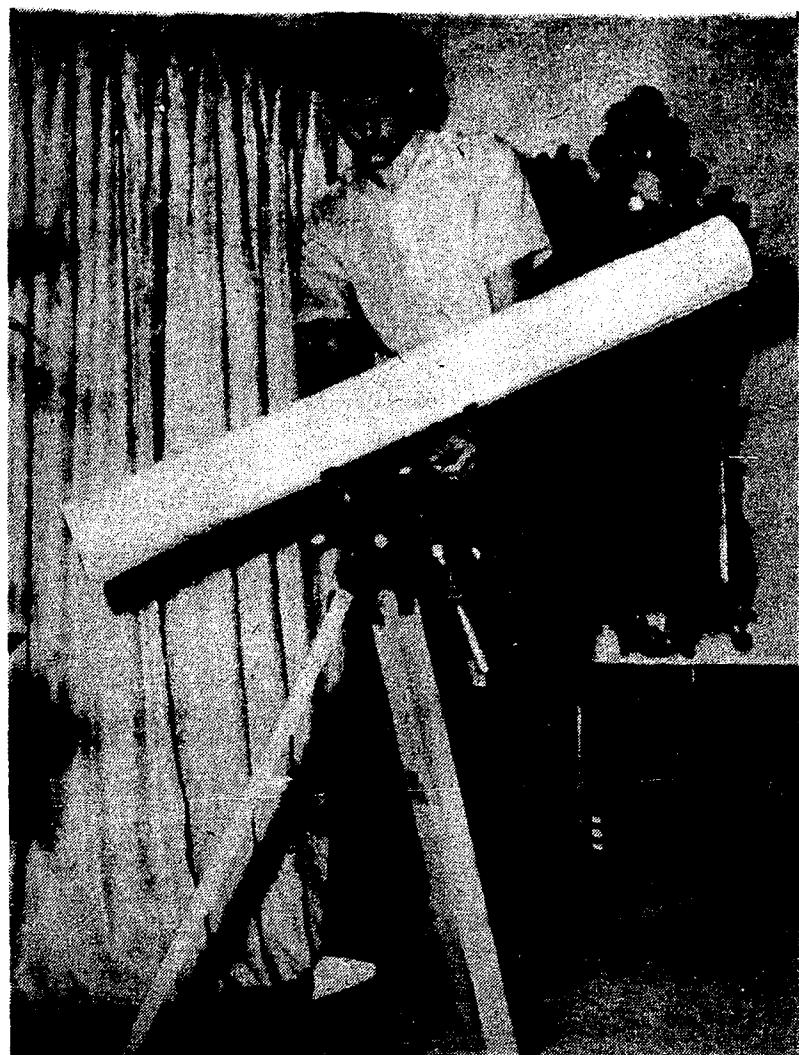


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FINDS COMET: Mark Whitaker of Bishop, Tex., checks over the telescope with which he spotted a new comet June 14. Mark is the youngest person ever to be credited with discovering a comet. Confirmation of the discovery was made Tuesday by the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory. (AP Wirephoto)

16-Year-Old Finds Brand New Comet

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'Nothing Else To Do'

BISHOP, Tex. (AP) — A 16-year-old Bishop high school junior who "didn't have anything else to do this summer" set out to find a new comet.

He found one.

Mark Whitaker is the young-

est person credited with discovering a comet. The Whitaker-Thomas comet, spotted by Mark with a home-assembled 4-inch telescope June 14, is named for him and Norman G. Thomas, a professional

astronomer at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz., who confirmed Mark's observations.

Thomas spotted a mysterious light, which turned out to be the comet, June 17 on a photographic plate made to trace the asteroid Icarus.

"I didn't really expect to find one," Whitaker said Tuesday. "But I didn't have anything else to do. I had all summer to find a comet and I found one."

SENDS REPORT

He found it on the third night of his watch. "I didn't know if it was a new or a periodic comet so after observing it two days I decided to send a report. Most astronomy books I have always mentioned the Harvard Observatory. I tried by telephone and they referred me to the Smithsonian."

The Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory and the Harvard Observatory are located in Cambridge, Mass. The Smithsonian keeps track of new celestial sightings.

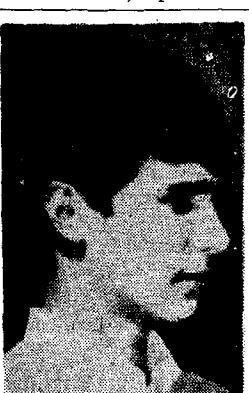
Whitaker said any time it's clear is a good time to spot comets. "I stay up till the moon rises. When the moon gets up it throws too much light and spoils searching for any dim object like a comet."

"On the night I discovered my comet I stayed up until 2 o'clock in the morning."

Whitaker plans to study astronomy after he graduates from high school. Now, he is building an eight-inch telescope.

The comet he found apparently has no tail and is too faint to be seen with the naked eye. But with telescopes it can easily be spotted low on the southern horizon in Southern sections of the United States.

Mark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Whitaker. Bishop is a town of about 4,000 a few miles inland from the Gulf Coast and east of Corpus Christi.



JOHN S. SWAINSON
Now In Hospital

Arrest Of Swainson's Son Bared

Charged In Sale Of Marijuana

POR HURON (AP) — The arrest of the son of former Michigan Gov. John B. Swainson on a charge of selling marijuana to an undercover agent last November was kept under wraps until Tuesday because of an investigation of any further illegal narcotics activity, the assistant St. Clair County prosecutor says.

However, Ronald Flanigan, when asked if that investigation had resulted in any further arrests or charges, replied: "Not that I know of."

The prosecutor's office said John S. Swainson was arrested in the Port Huron suburb of Marysville Nov. 1, 1967 after allegedly selling several ounces of the drug to a State Police officer.

HOSPITALIZED, NOW

The younger Swainson currently is hospitalized, the prosecutor's office said, but there was no information on the reason he was hospitalized. "It may have been at the request of the defense attorney," Flanigan said.

Flanigan said the investigation which started with Swainson's arrest last November now is complete.

"He was treated just like any other person arrested," said Lt. Chris Swartzendruber of the State Police intelligence section. "There was no special consideration because he was Swainson's son."

ROUTINE ARREST

Swartzendruber said Swainson's detention was "a routine narcotics arrest." He said there was no significant amount of

Poor People's Drive Climaxing In Capital

Today is the climax of the Poor People's Campaign in Washington with thousands of Americans joining in a grand march and ceremonies marking "Solidarity Day." Story and pictures on page 41.

MILWAUKEE FIRM BUYS BH ENGINEERING, INC.

Merger Set With Koehring

Local Plants Keeping Same Management

An old line Twin Cities firm that started as a small machine shop and now employs some 225 persons has been acquired by a larger Milwaukee-based company.

Benton Harbor Engineering Works, Inc. of Benton Harbor and Koehring company of Milwaukee have agreed in principle on a merger of the Benton Harbor firm into Koehring. The Milwaukee firm is to acquire the outstanding stock of Benton Harbor Engineering for Koehring common and preferred stock.

Koehring common closed Tuesday on the New York Exchange at 41 1/4.

The market and conversion ratios of the preferred is not known.

All together, however, the transaction is reputed to be in area of \$2.5 million. The deal is subject to approval of the Internal Revenue Service.

In 1967 Koehring reported net earnings of \$8,504,000 on shipments of \$185,396,000.

This amounted to a net earning ratio of \$3.11 per share on the common stock after allowance for preferred stock dividend requirements.

The local firm employs 225 persons at its two plants, located at 331 Miller street in Benton Harbor and 622 Langley avenue in St. Joseph.

Joint announcement of the merger was made today by Robert C. Miller, president and treasurer of the Benton Harbor firm, and Orville R. Mertz, president of Koehring. Both declined to disclose the amount of money involved.

Sales of Benton Harbor Engineering Works are currently \$6 million annually.

The local company is a producer of hydraulic cylinders used in many kinds of industrial and mobile equipment, including lift trucks for material handling, utility rigs and mining devices.

DIVERSIFIED COMPANY

Koehring company is an international machinery producer whose products are used in the construction, plastics, metal working, paper and material handling industries and in agriculture.

Benton Harbor Engineering Works has great capabilities in the manufacture of exceptionally high quality hydraulic cylinders and this fits the pattern of activity we are in," Mertz said.

In a letter to employees Tuesday telling them of the merger, Miller said:

"After 49 years in our family, Benton Harbor Engineering Works finds it to everyone's best interest to join with a

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IN MERGER: This is the headquarters of Benton Harbor Engineering Works, Inc., at 331 Miller street, Benton Harbor, which has been acquired by a large Milwaukee firm, Koehring Company. In ad-

dition to this Benton Harbor facility, Benton Harbor Engineer operates a plant at 622 Langley avenue in St. Joseph. (Staff photo)

McCarthy Wins In New York Primary

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Jolts Dem Leaders

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy jolted state Democratic forces today by overpowering Humphrey and Kennedy delegate slates while a McCarthy supporter scored an upset victory in a three-way Senate race.

The Minnesota senator jubilantly hailed the results of the

state's primary as one of his greatest victories.

Partial returns slowed by hand-counting of paper ballots gave McCarthy 51 of the 123 convention delegate slots at stake. Delegates who said they were remaining pledged to the

ideals of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy won 20 while backers

of Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey had one.

The voting trend indicated that McCarthy would maintain the wide lead in delegates.

SENATE RACE

The surprise Senate victor was Paul O'Dwyer, a former city councilman and brother of former mayor of New York City. He defeated Eugene H. Nickerson, Nassau County executive who came into the race at the urging of Kennedy and Rep. Joseph Y. Resnick, of upstate Ellenville, a Johnson-Humphrey administration supporter.

O'Dwyer told a jubilant crowd at his headquarters, "I see it as a combined vote against war and for peace."

Among prominent candidates who won delegate berths for McCarthy were Jules Feiffer, the cartoonist, Theodore Bikel, the folk singer and actor, and Murray Kempton, the newspaper columnist.

MCCARTHY REACTION

In a phone call to O'Dwyer headquarters here, McCarthy said, "It's going to be very difficult for party leaders in New York to read the results and not tremble."

An O'Dwyer spokesman said later that McCarthy would make an unscheduled campaign visit to New York City late today, presumably to capitalize on the psychological lift the victory was expected to give his campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination.

There was no immediate comment from the Humphrey camp. He had not mounted a major personal effort in the state.

McCarthy delegates were entered in 37 of the state's 41 congressional districts. Slates pledged to Humphrey ran in 25 and delegates pledged to Kennedy in 30.

While the Minnesota senator's seat impressed political observers, O'Dwyer's triumph was even more startling. He was expected to finish last in a three-way race but, running as a McCarthy adherent, managed to edge out the favored Nickerson.

Nickerson conceded defeat at 3:12 a.m., as O'Dwyer led by 18,500 votes. Resnick was running third.

With unofficial returns from 12,341 of the state's 13,408 dis-

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Start receiving sweet cherries

for brining, Thurs., June 20.

Spinks Corners Fruit Exchange, Ph. 944-1491.

RONALD H. LANGE



RONALD H. LANGE

He served with the Navy in the Pacific theater from 1944 to

1946 during World War II, and

again from 1950 to 1952 in

Korea and Japan during the

Korean conflict. He was com-

missioned a lieutenant.

Lange opened his first private

law office at Waterlief in

January, 1950, and practiced

there until he was recalled to

active duty in the Navy in

October of that year. Upon

discharge from service in 1952,

he returned to law practice with

the firm of Ryan and Lange in

Valparaiso university in 1949.

He is a veteran of two wars.

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ROBERT C. MILLER
Still in Charge Here

Death Toll Up To 24 In Berrien

Niles Crash Kills Buchanan Woman

NILES — Mrs. Gertrude Hushower, 54, of 514 Michigan street, Buchanan, became Berrien county's 24th traffic fatality of the year when she was killed in a broadside collision at US-12 and Portage road two miles southwest of Niles yesterday evening.

State police from the Niles post said Mrs. Hushower suffered chest injuries in the accident and was pronounced dead on arrival at Niles Pawating hospital. Driver of the car she was riding in, her husband, Glenn, 58, was not injured in the accident.

The driver of the other car, Michael Totten, 20, of 1309 Oak street, Niles, and a passenger in his car, Kelly Patrick, 18, of 2440 Rebecca lane, Niles, were both treated for cuts and bruises at Niles Pawating and released.

Troopers said the accident occurred when the northbound Hushower vehicle was struck broadside in the westbound lanes of US-12 by the Totten vehicle. The accident is still under investigation, troopers added. The Hushower car was struck in the passenger side, where Mrs. Hushower was riding.

Mrs. Hushower was born Dec. 31, 1913, in Buchanan. She had resided in the area her lifetime.

On Sept. 22, 1934 she was married to Glenn L. Hushower in St. Joseph.

She was a member of the Primrose Camp, Royal Order of Neighbors.

Surviving besides her husband

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THE HERALD-PRESS

Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

Housing Inspection Re-Activated

The city commission adopted in principle Monday night a recommendation from a citizens committee to start over on housing inspection in St. Joseph.

The commission took the first step in agreement with the report by approving the appointment of Carl Conklin, a veteran of 23 years with the fire department, as the man to perform the inspections, both personally and in supervision of whatever additional manpower may appear necessary.

Although no target date for the inspections was stated openly, presumably they would get under way in late August or early September depending on the lead time required to prepare suitably for the job.

This contrasts with the 1966 effort which bogged down for several reasons, including the haste with which the plan was begun.

Taking additional time for adequate preparation should help to avoid the pitfalls encountered two years ago.

The committee's report and Mayor Ehrenberg's response to it stressed two factors which so many housing inspections fail to take into account.

One is that the older house

was constructed under code requirements and mental attitudes which do not apply to present day construction.

The result is that while the older house may be adequate shelter or capable of being made satisfactory, it still does not match the current ideas on what, in manner of speaking, is "the good house." Windows may not be located where they should be, the stairs may be in the wrong spot, the kitchen may be too far removed from the dining room, the number of lavatories may be short, and so on.

These are of minor significance as compared to health and safety requirements for proper wiring, basically sound plumbing, freedom from weather leakage, etc.

It was the committee's feeling, once concurred in by the city fathers, that inspection should direct itself to the foundation, not to the frills which show outwardly.

This was another point where the 1966 inspection got off on the wrong foot.

It was an inspection by the book rather than a concentration upon basic defects.

Since the committee believes the inspection should concern itself with fundamentals, namely, health and safety standards, it recommended the firemen as doubling in brass as inspectors as they have done for decades on commercial and industrial safety inspections.

Inasmuch as there are so many more houses than stores and factories in town, the commission felt it better to borrow a department man permanently rather than to rely upon a divided effort.

The commission's selection of Conklin for the job is a good one. His training and personality should do well to score the point that inspection is as much for the home owner's benefit as it is for the public at large.

The second major recommendation by the committee, which the commission accepted, is the economics of inspection.

Updating property takes money.

If an owner responds properly to an inspection order, he should not be penalized by having the tax collector hike his assessment.

This is a course which most city halls still follow and in so doing kill the incentive for an owner to bring his property up to par.

If person enlarges his house, he does add value to it. Revamping a 1900 house into a 1968 model does likewise. Either one justifies raising his assessment.

Salvaging a deteriorating property, however, does not add value to it. It merely counteracts a decline in value. Because inspection is designed to forestall decay, it is illogically punitive to raise taxes on that which has been brought back to life.

This tax punishment is a major cause for urban blight and until local governments muzzle their tax assessors in this regard, they never will begin to get at the heart of the problem.

Another reason for the 1966 inspection grinding to a halt was an over emphasizing of its purpose, that of complying with an Urban Renewal requirement.

The UR requirement has the same good intention in mind as the program urged by the committee. UR, however, suffers the same disease as that of the IRS, no deep, abiding affection on the citizen's part.

The 1968 inspection is designed for St. Joseph, to keep it the fine residential community it has been for so many generations. UR will benefit from the effort now being launched, but only incidentally to the main thought.

Some properties in St. Joseph have slipped rather badly in recent years and can be ripe for a speculative slumlord takeover. This has happened to a distressing degree in Benton Harbor and we don't think the St. Joseph resident wants it repeated in his town.

It need not come about if the common sense conception of inspection as urged Monday night is put into practice.

Micro-organisms found in the dry valleys of Antarctica are among the smallest on earth. One species measures only a micron, 1/25,000th of an inch in diameter.

Lost And Found



GLANCING BACKWARDS

GROUP ELECTS AT THREE OAKS

—1 Year Ago—

Mrs. Don Allen was elected president of the Friends of the Library when the annual business meeting was held in the Three Oaks township library. Mrs. C. Kingman Perkins, retiring president, conducted the business meeting at which the following were elected: Mrs. Klaus Fledberg, first vice president; Mrs. Ben Drier Jr., second vice president; Mrs. Perkins, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Jack Adams, treasurer. The term of the recording secretary, Mrs. Dan Newlander holds over.

It was voted to amend the

constitution and create the office of historian. Miss Marian Kirkcaldy, former librarian, will serve in that capacity.

SAWYER LIONS ARE INSTALLED

—10 Years Ago—

Don K. Silcox installed the new officers of the Lions club of Sawyer Tuesday evening at a meeting in the Sawbridge Restaurant on US-12. Silcox, superintendent of the Chikaming Consolidated school, is a member of the Sawyer club and formerly was a member of the Benton Harbor club. He is a Lions International Counselor and a past district governor. New officers are S.P. Sexton,

president; C. William Denk, first vice president; John V. Olson, second vice president; Edgar J. Mischke, third vice president; E.J. Dolezel, secretary; Frank E. Kramer, assistant secretary; Bert W. Keith, treasurer; Arthur R. Coffey, lion tamer; Michael S. Budak Sr., tail twister; C.J. Peck and Albert W. Peterson, directors, and John Hanus and Fred W. Moyer, holdover directors.

CUTTER ESCANABA IS WAR CASUALTY

—25 Years Ago—

The loss of the gallant Coast Guard cutter Escanaba — a savior of the inland seas converted to a ship of war — was mourned today throughout Michigan and in all Great Lakes ports. The Navy in a crisp announcement Friday afternoon reported the sinking of the Escanaba, one of the best known craft on the lakes.

The cutter, the Navy's command, was torn amidships by an explosion of undetermined origin while on convoy duty in the North Atlantic. Only two of her crew were saved and the craft's normal complement was 60 officers and men. The 718-ton craft, which shortly after Pearl Harbor quietly moved from its peacetime assignment of patrolling the lakes to a wartime duty of protecting convoys sailing the submarine infested North Atlantic route to England, sank so quickly distress signals could not be sent.

STRONGMAN HERE

—75 Years Ago—

Ed Stickney, the strong man from Boston, and Will E. Roberts are guests at the Lake View hotel. Mr. Stickney will give an exhibition this evening in front of the hotel. He claims he can hold a 200-pound dumbbell straight from his shoulder with one hand.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,
The Herald-Press.

Tribune Quotes Us

For a considerable time, we have regarded your editorials as very fair, unbiased, thought-provoking, and, in some cases, even prophetic. We have neglected comment or thanks, even as a continued high quality of performance in any area tends to be taken for granted, No action was taken.

I was thrilled and filled with local pride when the Chicago Tribune on June 14 chose to select as Guest Editorial, your own recent editorial on how a democracy can deteriorate into a dictatorship — as was true of the Roman one.

Inasmuch as the Tribune saw fit to quote it, would it be out of place to suggest that a repetition in your own paper would serve a useful purpose?

W. W. LUITJE,
1112 Michigan Ave.,
St. Joseph.

(Ed. note. We're flattered, naturally, by the suggestion, but we shall leave the reruns to the TV programming.)

Editor,
The Herald-Press.

school board offered the Harbert school (a two room, brick building located at the junction of the Harbert and Prairie roads and the Red Arrow highway) for sale. It was suggested at the time that the township board act to secure this building for township purposes since we were in need of centrally-located, unified offices. No action was taken.

At the present time, this same building (now known as the Christian Education Center of the Harbert Community Church) along with adjoining property, is again offered for sale.

Since we are still without a township building, I suggest that we urge our present township board to determine the terms of this sale and bring it to the vote of the people.

If you agree with this suggestion and desire to add your voice to mine in so urging our township board: Call 469-1107.

R.L. SCHAUBERT,
Harbert.

Editor,
The Herald-Press.

Potshot At NRA

If the National Rifle Association can run our Congress, next year they may be swayed by the National Association of the Advancement of World War III!!

MRS. RICHARD SCHWARTZ,
3706 Huntington St., N.W.
Washington, D.C., 20015

P.S. Copy to Cong. Hutchinson.

DR. COLEMAN

.. And Speaking Of Your Health

How can one tell if they are having an unusual side effect from a new drug?

Many patients who give absolutely no history to their doctor of being allergic or sensitive, may develop an unusual reaction to any kind of medicine that is prescribed for them. Some reactions are mild, some reactions are severe and most of them cannot be anticipated by the doctor.

Whenever a patient is given a prescription he should know what it is and for what purpose it is given. The patient should ask what response he might have to the drug and what can be considered normal. Any unusual sensation, skin rash, swelling of the lips and tongue, itching of the body, or nausea and vomiting means that the patient is probably sensitive to the drug and that it should be discontinued until further instructions are given by the doctor.

Occasionally there are patients who react exactly opposite to that which is normally expected from a drug. I have given patients antihistamine, or antiallergy drugs, which normally make many people drowsy and have found some who actually are exhilarated by them. The reverse has also happened. Drugs which are meant to be stimulating are sometimes responsible for a feeling of complete relaxation. Many doctors, as I do, disbelieve this, but patients show us that sometimes it is true.

Knowing that any drug can cause some peculiar side effect in some people, makes it important to watch for unusual reactions when first any new drug is tried.

Surgery for both of these conditions is almost always necessary. The real threat to the quick return to health is delay.

Dr. Coleman welcomes letters from readers, and, while he cannot undertake to answer each one, he will use questions in his column whenever possible and when they are of general interest. Address your letters to Dr. Coleman in care of this newspaper.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ 654
♥ AK65
♦ KJ10743

WEST **EAST**
♦ 108 ♠ 972
♥ J ♦ 73
♦ Q95 ♠ 8
♣ AJ107543 ♠ KQ9862

SOUTH
♠ AKQ3
♦ Q109842
♦ A62
♣ —

The bidding:
North East South West
1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass
2♦ Pass 2♦ Pass
4♦ Pass 5NT Pass
7♦ —

Opening lead — jack of hearts.

This hand occurred in a team match. It features good bidding and good play.

South (Harold Ogust) responded to the diamond opening with a modest one heart. When North raised to two hearts, Ogust bid two spades, and when North jumped to four hearts, Ogust realized there was a good chance of making a grand slam.

The only cards he needed were the A-K of hearts and a good diamond suit. In order to learn more about the trump situation, Ogust jumped to five notrump, deliberately bypassing Blackwood.

Five notrump was the grand slam force convention and in-

cluded partner to bid seven hearts with any two of the three highest trumps. North dutifully bid seven hearts, which became the contract.

Had West led the ace of clubs, Ogust would have made the grand slam easily. He would have ruffed in dummy and discarded a diamond from his hand.

But West shrewdly led a trump and Ogust now had to solve the problem of avoiding a diamond loser. He had no way of knowing at this point where the queen of diamonds was located; whether it was better to finesse one opponent or the other for the queen, or whether to play for the drop by cashing the A-K.

After drawing two rounds of trumps, Ogust cashed the A-K-Q of spades, learning in the process that West had started with two spades. This apparently insignificant clue enabled him to guess the diamond situation correctly.

After ruffing a spade in dummy, he led a diamond to the ace and a low one back to the ten. The finesse succeeding, he could then claim the grand slam, worth 2,210 points.

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Twin City
News

SJ TEACHERS RATIFY TWO YEAR AGREEMENT

BH Moose Will Get Hearing

Board Overrules Benton Planners' Denial Of Permit

The Benton Harbor Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 1570 will have its public hearing, the Benton township board of trustees said last night, in reversing a planning commission recommendation for denial of a permit for a new lodge home.

The public hearing is necessary for the lodge to receive a special permit to build a \$200,000 Moose lodge on residentially zoned property near the township park on the St. Joseph river.

By a unanimous decision, the board of trustees reversed the 4-2 decision of the planning commission and set July 11 as the date for the public hearing before the planning commission, provided the date is advertised in time.

Raymond Marquart, chairman of the Moose building committee, appeared before the board last night and described anew plans he had submitted to the planning commission. Marquart said he represented a social organization with a membership of over 1,100 persons.

PLANNERS' ACTION

The planning commission had voted 4-2 last Thursday to retain residential use of the land. Thomas McCoy — who sits on both the planning commission and the board of trustees — and James Benson were the only two commissioners to approve the Moose request.

The decision to hold a public hearing was the third time in a year that the board of trustees, as a board of appeal, has reversed a recommendation for denial made by the planning commission.

The last was a request by Gordon Closson of Closson Auto Repairs to rezone three lots of his property at Sweet and Beveridge avenues from residential to industrial. Closson had been trying to get the property rezoned for two years to make improvements.

The other, made last June, was to overrule the commission's denial to rezone 14.9 acres at Madeline avenue and North Shore drive for a \$2,250,000 cooperative housing project financed by the federal government.

The planning commission is an advisory board that can only make recommendations to the township board. The board upheld two recommendations for denial appealed to the board in the past year.

Last Aut. 6, the board upheld the commission's recommendation to deny rezoning of a lot at I-94 and Napier avenue from residential to commercial for Sun Oil Co.

The board also upheld the commission's recommendation last December against rezoning property at Napier avenue and Union street from residential to commercial for the use of a \$200,000 funeral home proposed by Florin funeral home.

OTHER BUSINESS

In other business last night, the board held a public hearing on the paving of Virginia avenue, and approved the project when no objection was voiced. Total cost of surfacing and drainage is \$6,567, or \$3.75 a front foot.

Mrs. Delores Dettman of 1209 R a v i n a , however, expressed concern over what would happen to the trees along the street, if the street were paved. Supervisor Ray A. Wilder said he thought they would not be removed, unless it were necessary for drainage.

Mrs. Mildred Loveland, who owns property at 160 Charles street, also appeared to show just cause why the single family dwelling at the same address should not be demolished. The house has been condemned.

Mrs. Loveland said she had been living in Bridgeman where she is babysitting and has not been able to repair the house at present. She told the board, however, that she would let them know her intent within two weeks.

Blaze Out When Firemen Arrive

St. Joseph firemen, called at 1:43 p.m. yesterday to a car fire at Pine and Thru streets, St. Joseph, found the fire out on arrival. The car is owned by Cynthia Krugler.



POLITICAL SCIENCE HONOR: Dan Chapman, vice president of the Benton Harbor Exchange Club (left), presents the club's award for scholarship in political science and government to Lake Michigan College Student Jim Figlia of 1413 East Napier avenue, Benton township, during luncheon at Holiday Inn Tuesday. LMC Instructor Marlin Field (right) accompanies the student who has attained the highest grade point average in political science courses. The plaque is engraved with the student's name and hung on the wall in the LMC classroom building. (Staff photo)

Knights Of Columbus Pick Seeley

Other Officers Are Announced



MICKEY SEELEY

Mickey Seeley is the new Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Council 1120, Benton Harbor, for the 1968-69 term. He was formerly deputy grand knight and succeeded Grand Knight Robert Tibbits at a election of officers meeting held Monday evening at the K of C Clubrooms, Catalpa and Columbia avenues.

Grand Knight Seeley resides at 974 Columbus avenue. He is a supervisor in production at the Paramount Die Casting Co. of St. Joseph.

Paul Garlanger, an engineer at the Indiana & Michigan Electric Co., of Benton Harbor, was elected deputy grand knight.

Other elected officers of the council are: Ray Hicks, chancellor; Merle Lochner, advocate; Harold Gaddie, recording secretary; Michael McCann, financial secretary; Jack Carter, treasurer; Kenneth Ronan, warden; Ray Watts, inside guard; and Robert Tibbits, Marvin Brower and John Horn-dash, trustees.

Seek Full Probe Of Highway Dept.

LANSING (AP)—Gov. George Romney and Atty. Gen. Frank Kelley said today they will file a joint petition in Ingham County Circuit Court, requesting a jury investigation of allegations concerning the State Highway Department.

Romney and Kelley originally sought to have the State Court of Appeals name one of its members as a grand juror to conduct the Highway Department probe.

They asked a special ruling from the State Supreme Court on whether the lower court had authority to do so—and it split 4-4 on the question.

The appeals court held by a 6-3 decision June 3 that it lacked jurisdiction.

There never was any question of a circuit court having such jurisdiction.

The proposed investigation would date back into the administration of John C. Mackie, a Democrat and the last elected state highway commissioner. Romney is a Republican; Kelley a Democrat.

Under the state's new Constitution the department now is run by a bipartisan commission of two Democrats and two Republicans named by the governor and subject to Senate confirmation.

New Buffalo Blacked Out

NEW BUFFALO — A lightning storm knocked out a power transformer and left the southwest section of the city without electricity for four hours last night. The transformer was burned out about 9 a.m. Repair crews restored power at 1 o'clock this morning.

GRADUATE STUDY: Lanny W. Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alanson Reed, Maple Lane, Benton Harbor, a wildlife biology graduate of Michigan state university earlier this month, will attend graduate school at the University of Minnesota. He was graduated from Benton Harbor high school in 1964 and from Lake Michigan college in 1966.

Teenagers Injured In Auto Wreck

Stevensville Youth In Critical Condition

Two Stevensville teenagers were hospitalized after a two-car auto accident on Red Arrow highway near John Beers road at 12:13 this morning.

Listed in critical condition at South Bend Memorial hospital is George Arthur Oehlberg, 19, of 246 Bonnie drive, Stevensville. Oehlberg sustained a skull fracture and multiple lacerations in a head-on collision with a car driven by Ronnie Gabbard, 18, of California road, New Troy.

A passenger in Gabbard's car, Judy Bishop, 17, of Route 1, Stevensville, is in good year with the traffic engineering group. He served from 1956 to 1959 with the U.S. Navy as a supply officer, and since has held a variety of supervisory positions in the traffic department.

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FEW SURPRISES IN BERRIEN COUNTY RACES

Four Primary Battles Shaping In Cass



Three GOP Candidates Unopposed

Slates Take Final Form At Deadline

CASSOPOLIS — Republicans will face off against each other for the offices of treasurer, sheriff and drain commissioner in the Aug. 6 primary while Democrats will compete against each other only in the race for register of deeds.

The slates of both parties took final form yesterday, the last day for submitting petitions to enter the primary contests.

Candidates for the other offices will go unchallenged in their parties.

And since Democrats failed to put up opponents for prosecutor, clerk and surveyor, three Republicans are virtually assured of winning offices.

They are Herman Saitz, running for prosecutor; Kenneth Poe, for clerk and Donald Peirce, for surveyor.

At present, Saitz, of Cassopolis, is assistant county prosecutor to Jerry O'Connor, who chose not to run. Saitz also practices law with the firm of Saitz and Cobb in Dowagiac and is president of the Cass County Bar Association.

Poe has been incumbent clerk since 1959. He resides in Cassopolis.

Peirce, also of Cassopolis, would take over the office of the late Clint Voorhees.

RUNNING FOR SHERIFF

Republicans will offer voters the names of James Northrop and incumbent Robert Dool for office of sheriff.

Northrop is Cassopolis police chief. He is a former Dowagiac assistant police chief and a former Cass county undersheriff. The Cassopolis resident ran against Dool in 1966 but lost.

Dool, of 101 Rowland avenue, Cassopolis, was appointed to his post in 1959 and was returned by voters in 1960, '62 and '64.

The winner of the GOP primary will battle the Democratic choice, Gerald S. Hand of Howard township. Hand ran against Dool in the Republican primary in 1960 and lost. At



SERIOUS INJURIES: Lorraine F. Saye, 34, Almena road, Paw Paw, is lowered onto stretcher after being removed from car which collided with vehicle driven by Danny Mulrenin, 18, 411 Water street, Paw Paw, about 8 p. m. yesterday. Both drivers are in serious condition in Kalamazoo hospital. Village police said Mrs. Saye received fractures of both legs, one wrist, shoulder, and hip and possible internal injuries. Mulrenin received skull fractures and other head injuries. Crash occurred on East Michigan avenue in front of Paw Paw Laundry. Fire department was called to wash gas and oil off highway. (Staff photo)

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that time he was undersheriff to Dool.

In a controversy that followed, Hand resigned and was replaced as undersheriff by Northrop.

TREASURER'S RACE

For the office of treasurer Mrs. Helen Burch and Maurice E. Hawks have submitted their

names on the GOP side.

Mrs. Burch lives on route six, Dowagiac while Hawks is of route three, Cassopolis. Hawks has been Calvin township supervisor for the last six years and before that was township treasurer for five years. On the Democratic ballot for treasurer is Mrs. Thelma Houston, the incumbent. She lives at 1300 Barron Lake road, Niles, and is finishing out her first term as treasurer. She is the first Democrat to hold this office since the 1930's.

In 1968 she ran against Charles LaSata of Niles for state representative and lost.

Another contest will be for register of deeds on the Democratic side. Mrs. Marian Hildebrand, of 110 West York street, Cassopolis, is finishing out her first term and will seek reelection.

She will be opposed by Mrs. Rosalind Miller of route four, Cassopolis. Until recently she was employed as deputy registrar of deeds in the Cass county office. She is former owner of the Cassopolis Abstract office.

DRAIN COMMISSIONER

The only other contest on either ticket in the primary will be for drain commissioner on the Republican side.

Facing off against each other will be Bennett Simmons of route two, Cassopolis and Hugh D. Wear of 309 West street, Dowagiac.

The rest of the Republican ticket is as follows:

•Coroner: Rollo Schoff, of Dowagiac, incumbent since 1958.

Register of Deeds: Mrs. Sally A. Foust of Edwardsburg.

The remainder of the Democratic slate is:

•Coroner: Dr. Robert Knox of Edwardsburg, finishing out his first term as one of the two county coroners.

•Drain Commissioner: Grover Kimmerle of Cassopolis, incumbent finishing out his first term.

JUDICIAL VOTING

In addition to regular county offices, voters will ballot on circuit and district judgeships in the Aug. 6 primary as well as for candidates for the 21 newly established county supervisor seats.

Deadline for filing for these posts is July 2.

Two district judgeships for Cass county were established by the reorganization of the lower court system. A circuit judge for Cass county was set up when Cass and Van Buren counties were separated into two circuit court districts.

Only one person has announced candidacy for any of the

Deadline For Filing Tuesday

Parish Running For Prosecutor On Democratic Ticket

Filings for Berrien county offices closed at 4 p.m. Tuesday with only one surprise — that St. Joseph Atty. Tat Parish is running for prosecutor on the Democratic ticket.

Parish, 27, with a residence at 2481 West John Beers road, Stevensville and an office in St. Joseph, filed petitions with Berrien County Clerk Forrest H. Kesterke shortly before the deadline.

His candidacy brought to three the number vying for the post held by Prosecutor John Hammond, who announced he would not seek re-election.

Hammond late Tuesday held that a possible fourth contender, Baroda Fruit and Dairy Farmer Laurel P. Groenke, is not eligible to run because he is not an attorney.

The decision was based on an 1855 Michigan Supreme Court ruling and opinions from state attorney generals in 1928 and 1948. Groenke's \$100 filing fee had been accepted conditionally Monday.

Both parties will have a full slate of candidates for the seven elective county offices. The Republicans will have runoff contests in the Aug. 6 primary in the contests for sheriff, treasurer and register of deeds. Democrats will have a runoff only in the prosecutor race.

The full list of candidates for the seven county offices is as follows:

PROSECUTOR

Republican — Atty. Ronald Taylor, Benton township.

Democrat — Atty. Tat Parish, Stevensville; and Atty. Angela Mohar, Coloma.

SHERIFF

Republican — Henry Grieser, St. Joseph; Victor Yost, Berrien Springs; Edward Merrill, Benton Harbor; and Forrest L. Jewell, Benton Harbor.

Democrat — Edward Smitscher, New Buffalo.

TREASURER

Republican — Carol Stockman, St. Joseph; William C. Heyn, Bridgeman; Leo Price, St. Joseph; and Edward Murdoch, Stevensville.

Democrat — Robert Fecho, Eau Claire.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Republican — Margaret Kosick, Benton Harbor; Judith Litke, St. Joseph; and Mildred Seifridge, Benton Harbor.

Democrat — Maureen Kil-



ATTY. TAT PARISH

gore, Berrien Springs.

CLERK
Republican — Forrest H. Kesterke, Benton Harbor.

Democrat — Albert Carter, Jr., Berrien Springs.

DRAIN COMMISSIONER

Republican — Hazen Harner, Eau Claire.

Democrat — Robert E. Matner, Benton Harbor.

SURVEYOR

Republican — G. Lynn Wightman, St. Joseph.

Democrat — Kenneth I. Clark, Berrien Springs.

Atty. Parish, whose first name is his father's nickname, was born and reared in Wisconsin and was graduated magna cum laude from Hamline university, St. Paul, in 1961 after three years. He received his law degree from Harvard university, Cambridge, Mass., in 1965 and joined a St. Joseph law firm.

In November of 1967 he opened his own office at 600 Main street, St. Joseph.

His wife, Margaret, is a librarian in the Niles public library and the Parishes have two young children.

Atty. Parish said he made a last-minute decision to run because friends have expressed confidence in his ability and because "the prosecuting attorney's office is unquestionably the most important office which will be filled on the county level this year."

"I feel that because of my education and professional background and because of my deep interest in the administration of criminal law that I would be a better and more efficient prosecutor than any of the other candidates who have so far announced."

OTHER CANDIDATES

The others are a Republican, Atty. Ronald Taylor of 168 Higman park, Benton township, and a Democrat, Atty. Angela Mohar of Coloma.

Also filing Tuesday were Mrs. Donald (Judit) Litke for register of deeds, and seven men for county supervisor seats.

Mrs. Litke is chief deputy register of deeds under Mrs. Beatrice Chapman, who is not seeking re-election.

The seven new county supervisor candidates and the districts they seek seats in are:

Richard Fleming, of 2312 South 17th street, Niles, for District 19 (southern Niles township); Incumbent Supervisor W. Hudson Mitchell, of 826 Lewis avenue, St. Joseph, for District 7 (Southern St. Joseph city); Carl Gnudtke, of Route 1, Sawyer, for District 2 (townships of Chickaming, Weesaw and Baroda); Dr. W. John Kenfield, North Shore drive, Benton Harbor, for District 14 (northern Benton township); Phillip D. Nadeau, Route 3, Benton Harbor, for District 14 (Hagar and most of Coloma township); Byron K. Ashbrook, Route 2, Benton Harbor, for District 15; and Incumbent supervisor H. Richard H. Woodruff, of 581 Pawpaw avenue, Watervliet, for District 16 (Bridgeman and Watervliet townships and Watervliet city.)

All but Fleming are Republicans. All of the newly apportioned 21 districts have contenders except districts 4, 5, 6, 13, and 17.

Filing dates end July 2 for county supervisors, district judgeships, and the newly created third judgeship in the county.

Guilty In Morals Case

Benjamin Thole, 36, of Bridgeman, was convicted on a charge of taking indecent liberties with a 14-year-old girl in a non-jury trial Tuesday before Berrien Circuit Judge Chester J. Byrns.

Thole was accused of molesting the girl on Oct. 1, 1966, in Bridgeman. He testified he didn't. She testified he did. Also on the stand were Thole's wife, Cora, and New Buffalo State Police Det. Ronald Beauchine.

Thole's release on \$500 bond was continued until sentencing.

Hearing Gets No Complaints

TWO LOCAL MEETINGS

Hare Will Address Democratic Voters

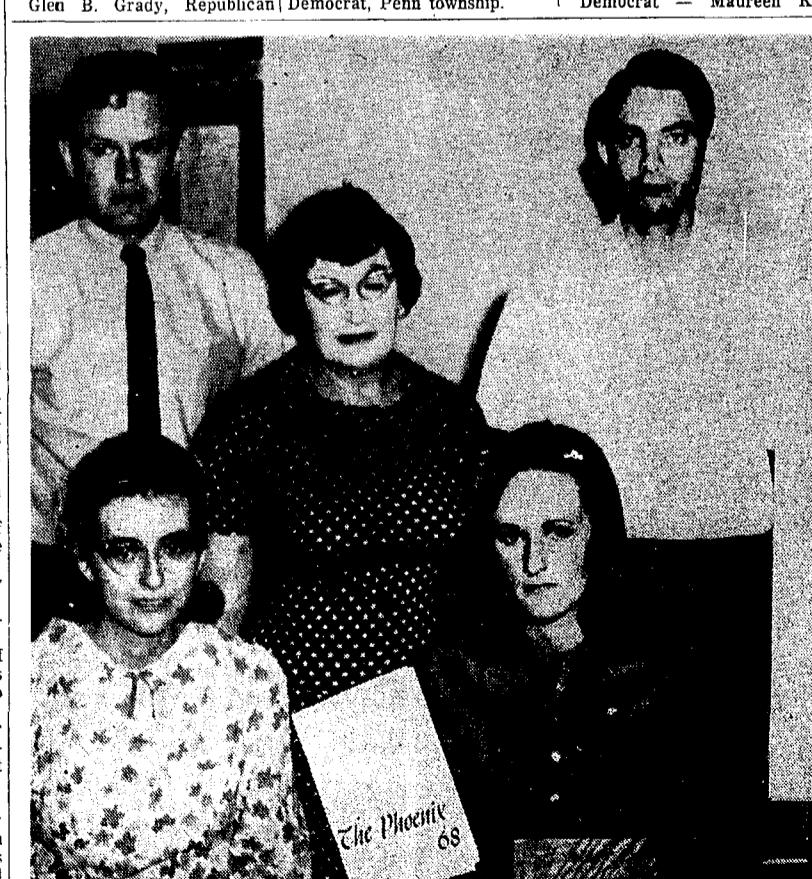
Secretary of State James M. Hare will be guest speaker at two voter registration kickoff meetings for Berrien county Democrat. Ervin Appelget, chairman, has announced.

Both sessions will be held Saturday, the first at the Benton Harbor library at 7 p. m., and the second at the St. Joseph township hall on Napier avenue at 8:15 p. m.

Appelget said all Democratic candidates for both county and state legislative offices have been invited to attend the two meetings. The public is invited to attend either or both meetings, he said.

TROOPER ARRIVES

THREE OAKS — Mr. and Mrs. Robert den Houten and two daughters have moved from the Detroit area to the Bale house on Cedar street, which was recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Owens, who moved to Lakeside. Den Houten is a state trooper at the New Buffalo state police post.



NEW LMC PUBLICATION: Students at Lake Michigan college, under the supervision of the English and art departments, have created a new student publication called "The Phoenix". The magazine type publication was created for the purpose of promoting an interest in creative writing and the arts among students of LMC. Short stories, essays, poems, feature articles and art work contained in this first issue of "The Phoenix" are the works of contributing students. Seated are (left to right), Angie Walters, editor-in-chief; and Kathleen Zwar, assistant editor. Standing are (left to right), Carl Wells, and Miss Gwendolyn Niles, faculty advisors; and Bob O'Conner, assistant editor. Other members of the faculty advisory board not pictured are, Mrs. Ruth Potts, Marvin Sands and George Schuur. (Staff Photo)